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Subject: Polish military decorations

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September 11th 24.

Dear Sir,

Can you let me have at your earliest possible convenience, sketches, describing the colouring &c, and ribbons, of the following:-

1. Badge of the Polish Order of "Virtuti Militari"
2. Badge of the Polish Order of "Polska Restauracja"
3. The Medal of "La Solidaridad" of Panama?

I need these to complete some important work upon which I am engaged and if you can let me have the above I shall be deeply grateful.

Yours very truly

D. P. Borrell-Haworth
Associate Member.

Secretary
American Numismatic Society
New York.

P.S. Also badge of the Order of Chi Lo (Golden Spine)
of China.

D.P.H.

September 16th, 1924

D. R. Overall-Hatwell, Esq.
1773 N. Gower Street
Hollywood, California

Dear Sir:

As per your request in your letter
of September 11th, I am pleased to send you
drawings of the Decorations, for which you asked.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Enc.

June 14th '25.

1773 N. Gower St.
Hollywood Calif.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter of June 2nd containing the very valuable information in reply to my queries.

May I further trouble you and ask if you know from what ribbon the Order of St. Catherine of Novo Simeon is worn, and also in how many classes it is. I have a star which I believe is worn by a Maestrante of Sicily. That however means very little to me and I should be glad if you could explain further. The star is like this:-



Any information you can give me with regard to Orders and Decorations of Abyssinia will be very welcome as I am at present digging hard into the queer decorations of this country.

Will you kindly send me a copy of your work "Ethiopian Orders and Decorations" for which I enclose my check for \$ 2.00

Thanking you in anticipation
Yours very truly

To

Frankland Wood Esq.

Cairo

American Numismatic Society.

D. P. Dorell Harswell

Associate Member.

July 6, 1925

D. R. Overall-Hatwell, Esq.
1773 N. Gower Street
Hollywood, California

Dear Sir:

Through some oversight your letter concerning the Ribbon of St. Catherine and the drawing of the Spanish Star got mislaid. I find a record of the ribbon of St. Catherine as follows but I have no specimen of it here:

The Star is a puzzle. We have a very similar one but with the scales of justice in the right hand oval. One Spaniard thought that ours was the badge of some judge or magistrate. Possibly yours is the same. It certainly is not the badge of any order of knighthood.

Very truly yours

HW C

Curator

20th October, 1933.

2348 Cahuenga Blvd.,
Hollywood,
California.

Dear Sir,

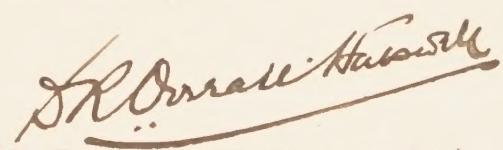
There has been placed before me a small collection of Decorations, a list of which is enclosed, with a view to my giving my opinion as to its value should the owner wish to sell all or part of it.

Not having had much opportunity, during recent years, of expending much money on my own collection, I am rather out of touch with the present value of decorations. I think that a few of the pieces included in the list are rare, and I should hesitate to place a value upon them.

I should be most grateful were you to give me the benefit of your experience in these matters by giving me your opinion of a fair price of the several specimens. Should you be interested in any of the items I should be glad also if you would so inform me.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours sincerely,


(D.R.Overall-Hatwell)

To

The Secretary,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N.Y.

November 22, 1933.

Mr. D. R. Overall-Hatowell
2348 Cahuenga Blvd.
Hollywood, California.

Dear Sir:

I beg to apologize for not replying to your letter of October 20th directed to our Secretary. He turned this over to me promptly. In this letter you state that you were somewhat in a quandary as to the valuation of various foreign decorations. You are no more in a quandary than I am! For several years the collecting of these has been almost dead. There was a large sale of these the other day at the Anderson Galleries, the Senter collection. The prices averaged a little better than I thought they would. Nevertheless they were rather erratic. Some of the extremely rare decorations and the English ones brought good prices but most of the others did not. The best guess that I can make would be to roughly value the Stars at about \$15.00 and the badges at about \$10.00. In other words, a pair would figure at around \$25.00. I do not consider any of the decorations you have as especially rare. The only one that we might want is the Tonga Badge. We have the Star. It is a peculiar thing - I never heard of this until about six months ago when we got the Star. A badge with about 20 other badges was in the Senter sale and in your list you have both the Badge and the Star.

Very truly yours,